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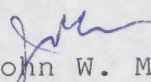
Dear Eric:

Albania is on my agenda, but for the present I am leaving March 3 for Sumatra.

The factory that I was told issued the tokens was located at the south part of the town of Thebes and was known locally as "the stave plant." I do not recollect ever seeing it in action when I was a child and on one visit it had been torn down. It was my understanding that it cut wood for the making of barrels.

I called the town office of Thebes and found that there is a local history buff: Zelma Caldwell, Route 3 South, Thebes, IL 62990. I may have unknowingly met her a few years ago when I visited the Old Courthouse which is noted for having been the site of a Lincoln-Douglas debate and which is a small museum.

Sincerely,


John W. Marchildon